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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

AGENDA

October 22, 2009

Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall, Rm 209

The location of this meeting is handicap accessible, and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons requiring assistance. If you have a special accommodation need, please contact the Newton ADA Coordinator Bev Droz at (617) 796-1280, via email at bdroz@newtonma.gov or via TDD/TTY at (617) 796-1089.

- 1. CSX Vegetation Management Plan RDA** – ROW spraying of herbicides in riverfront and buffer to bank of the Charles River, in bordering vegetated wetlands, and possibly floodzone, and in an area proximal to a public drinking water supply.
- 2. 902-904 Watertown Street – RDA** – Deck re-location and enlargement in riverfront and floodzone.
- 3. 46 Farwell Street** – Excavation & trenching in the 200 ft riverfront to the Charles without an OOC or negative DOA; EO issued by Anne – needs ratification and owner to appear.

Violations --Updates:

76 Webster Park – Habitat –Update–Utility poles out, and area re-stabilized with loam and seed (annual rye and wildflower seed). Anne signed off on certificate of occupancy and bond refund.

35 Kingswood Road – alteration of bank of Charles – restoration area planted with 20 new lowbush blueberry bushes. Will re-check spring of 2009;

15 Harwich Rd –Violation –Have asked DEP to assist. In a recent e-mail exchange, DEP analyst informed me she has not had time to pursue this violation;

3 Fuller Ave. – awaiting call to inspect erosion & sediment control for new work.

Certificates of Compliance

Announcements & General Business:

Management Plan update - Dan Green – vote to approve? Next step? Planner suggests the Commission pick 3 conservation areas, delegate lead person for each and start identifying key issues/concerns/goals suggest Norumbega, Houghton, Hunnewell, and schedule meeting. Interested ‘friends of’ groups may be invited at beginning or later meeting.

Open Space Plan – considerations and member to work on committee and with Conservators?

September 24, 2009 Meeting Minutes for approval

Crystal Lake Path – Work completed; working on signage.

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Outstanding issues – discussion

Rules/policy/procedure for Alternate members (?)

Performance Bonds (?) – in light of last MACC newsletter article

Non-criminal ticketing – update — Q: Does the Commission wish to ticket under the Watershed/Flood Zone only?

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